



# **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

## **DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.T.E 05-91

December 6, 2005

Compliance filing of Western Massachusetts Electric Company, pursuant to Western Massachusetts Electric Company, D.T.E. 04-106 (2004), and transmission reconciliation factor filing, for effect January 1, 2006.

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On December 1, 2005, Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECo" or "Company") submitted a filing in compliance with Western Massachusetts Electric Company, D.T.E. 04-106 (2004) ("Compliance Filing") with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department"). In D.T.E. 04-106, the Department approved an offer of settlement ("Settlement") executed between the Company, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and the Associated Industries of Massachusetts. The Settlement provided that WMECo would receive a \$3 million distribution rate increase for 2006. The Compliance Filing seeks approval of proposed tariffs, effective January 1, 2006, designed to implement this distribution rate increase.

WMECo also seeks recovery through its transmission rates for exogenous costs associated with (1) special constraint resource charges and (2) reliability must run charges that are billed from the Independent System Operator - New England. The Department docketed this Compliance Filing as D.T.E. 05-91.

Any persons wishing to submit written comments regarding this Compliance Filing should file as follows: an original with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary; four (4) copies with the hearing officer, John J. Geary; and on the service lists in D.T.E. 04-106. The original and copies must be received by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, December 14, 2005.

Commenters also are requested to submit to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) and [John.Geary@state.ma.us](mailto:John.Geary@state.ma.us) or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the

e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 05-91), (2) name of the person or company submitting the comments, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a “.wpd” suffix), in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a “.doc” suffix) or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a “.pdf” suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department’s Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dte>.

A copy of the Compliance Filing is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the Company’s offices, One Federal Street, Building 111-4, Springfield, Massachusetts 01105, and at the offices of the Department, One South Station - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. For further information on the Company’s Compliance Filing, please contact Company representative Stephen Klionsky, Esq., Western Massachusetts Electric Company, 100 Summer Street, 23rd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2131, 617-345-1066.



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Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("Company") is required to serve a copy of this notice on all the participants in Western Massachusetts Electric Company, D.T.E. 04-106 (2004), and to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company no later than Wednesday, December 7, 2005, and make return of service at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary